

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 4-10, 12-15, and 20-23 are amended herein. Claims 2-3, 11, 16-19, and 24 are cancelled. Claims 25-36 are added. All pending claims are produced below. In addition, the status of each is also indicated below

1. (Currently Amended) A peripheral device for operation in conjunction with a wireless communication device, ~~said~~ the peripheral device comprising:

an ~~user interface~~ alphanumeric keyboard operable to receive user input data;

a communication interface operable to control transfer of ~~said user input~~ processed data to ~~said~~ the wireless communication device, the processed data for processing by an application on the wireless communication device, and to control the transfer of data received from ~~said~~ the wireless communication device;

a display ~~for to display displaying said user input~~ processed data and ~~said~~ the data received from ~~said~~ the wireless communication device; and

a processor, coupled to the alphanumeric keyboard, the communication interface, and the display, operable to ~~process said~~ execute a peripheral application using the user input data and the data received from ~~said~~ the wireless communication device thereby generating the processed data, ~~wherein the peripheral application synchronizing only the processed data with the application on the wireless communication device said peripheral device and said wireless communication device are configured to cooperatively process data in accordance with a predetermined protocol for execution of a software program whereby said peripheral device is the source of data input and data display for a user.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the peripheral device automatically ~~turns on~~ switches to an on state in response to at least one predefined event.
5. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising a backup memory, operably coupled to ~~said~~ the communication interface, for storing a backup copy of data received from ~~said~~ the wireless communication device.
6. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the communication interface is adapted to automatically establish connectivity with ~~said~~ ~~peripheral device~~ the wireless communication device in response to at least one predefined event.
7. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the communication interface further transmits a signal to ~~said~~ the wireless communication device directing ~~said~~ the wireless communication device to transmit at least one data item and a data request via a network connection.
8. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the communication interface further receives a signal from ~~said~~ the wireless communication device representing at least one data item received by ~~said~~ the wireless communication device via a network connection.
9. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ ~~communication interface further transmits a signal to said wireless communication device directing said wireless communication device to transmit at least one data item and a data request via~~ the network connection comprises an the Internet connection.

10. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 1~~ claim 8, wherein ~~said communication interface further receives a signal from said wireless communication device representing at least one data item received by said wireless communication device via~~ the network connection comprises an the Internet connection.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 11~~ claim 6, further comprising an enclosure having an opened position and a closed position, wherein ~~said the~~ predetermined event for establishing connectivity is the transition of ~~said the~~ enclosure from ~~said the~~ closed position to ~~said the~~ open position.
13. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 11~~ claim 6, wherein ~~said the~~ predetermined event for establishing connectivity is a signal transmitted by ~~said the~~ wireless communication device.
14. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 11~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ processed data is stored in a storage medium on ~~said the~~ peripheral device.
15. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 11~~ claim 1, where ~~said the~~ processed data is stored in a storage medium on ~~said the~~ wireless communication device.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 11~~ claim 1, further comprising a network interface, coupled to ~~said the~~ processor, for transmitting at least ~~one of~~ a data

item and a data request via a network connection, and for receiving at least one data item via ~~said~~ the network connection.

21. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 11~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the communication interface further receives, from ~~said~~ the wireless communication device, software code for at least one software application.
22. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 11~~ claim 1, further comprising memory for storing ~~said application data~~ the data received from the wireless communication device and ~~said~~ the processed data.
23. (Currently Amended) The peripheral device of ~~claim 18~~ claim 22, wherein ~~said~~ the memory stores ~~said~~ the application data and ~~said~~ the processed data from one user session to at least one subsequent user session.
24. (Cancelled)
25. (New) A peripheral device for a handheld computing system, the peripheral device comprising:
 - a communication interface structured to receive data from the handheld computing system and transmit processed data to the handheld computing system, wherein the data from the handheld computing system and the processed data are for processing by a handheld application on the handheld computing system;
 - a display communicatively coupled with the communication interface and structured to visually present the data from the handheld computing system and the processed data;

an alphanumeric keyboard hingedly coupled with the display and structured to receive an a user input, the user input being for manipulating the visually presented data; and

a processor coupled to the communication interface, the alphanumeric keyboard, and the display and configured to execute a peripheral application using the user input and the data from the handheld computing system thereby generating the processed data, the peripheral application synchronizing only the processed data with the handheld application.

26. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the display comprises graphics processor for rendering full-screen display.
27. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the alphanumeric keyboard comprises a QWERTY keyboard.
28. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a processor configured to process the manipulated visually presented data prior to transmitting to the handheld computer system.
29. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a memory to temporarily store the visually presented data and the manipulated visually presented data.
30. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a storage medium configured to store data.
31. (New) The peripheral device of claim 30, wherein the storage medium comprises a solid state storage medium.

32. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the communication interface comprises a Bluetooth communication interface.
33. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the communication interface comprises a tethered communication interface.
34. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a power management module configured to instantly place the display and the alphanumeric keyboard in an instant on state or an instant off state.
35. (New) The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the handheld computing system comprises a personal digital assistant.
36. (New) A peripheral device for a handheld computing system, the peripheral device comprising:
 - a communication interface structured to receive data from the handheld computing system and transmit a user input to the handheld computing system, wherein the data from the handheld computing system and the user input are for processing by a handheld application on the handheld computing system;
 - a display communicatively coupled with the communication interface and structured to visually present the data from the handheld computing system; and
 - an alphanumeric keyboard hingedly coupled with the display and the communication interface and structured to receive the user input, the user input being immediately transmitted to the handheld computing system.